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Familiar faces triumph

Mayors reclaim most of their seats throughout the Lower Mainland in weekend civic elections

Saturday's B.C. municipal elections overwhelmingly belonged to the incumbents, as mayors and their teams were re-elected in the Lower Mainland.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson was among the big winners, securing both a second term and a two-thirds majority on city council for his Vision Vancouver slate.

Incumbents also emerged victorious in nearly every municipality in the Lower Mainland, including Surrey, Burnaby, Richmond, Coquitlam, Delta and New Westminster. DAVID PROCTOR

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West. Final

▶ Members of the B.C. Lions dump Gatorade over athletic therapist Bill Reichelt — who lost his son Dylan in a car accident in Langley last week — following their 40-23 win over the Edmonton Eskimos in the CFL Western Final in Vancouver yesterday. The Lions will play for the 2011 Grey Cup in front of home fans against the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Nov. 27. Story, page 30.

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Lions poised for Grey Cup glory after thrashing Esks

Occupy Vancouver

Occupiers brace for shutdown

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Single life doesn't suit Rihanna

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Mayor looking ahead to three more years

- All Vision Vancouver candidates were elected over the weekend
- Robertson promises more public engagement, community involvement

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

▶ Re-elected Mayor Gregor Robertson plants a kiss on his wife, Amy, Saturday night as he gives his victory speech after sweeping up a second majority term in Vancouver.

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"Gregor. Gregor. Gregor."

That's what hundreds of Vision Vancouver supporters chanted Saturday night as Gregor Robertson accepted the chance to be the city's mayor for another three years.

"Thank you, people of Vancouver, for electing every single candidate on the Vision Vancouver team," a beaming Robertson told a raucous crowd at the party's election-night headquarters at the Sheraton Wall Centre. "We've shown that Vancouver is a city that cares. We can accomplish great things."

Robertson, who edged out NPA mayoral candidate Suzanne Anton by more than 18,000 votes, said he was optimistic all the way along.

"Our team worked superhard and we had enormous volunteer support, and that really held us together," Robertson told reporters after his victory speech. "It really gave us solid momentum all the way through, no matter what the issues were that arose.

"I was glad my team really stayed on a positive message and stayed focused on what we wanted to do for our city and running on our record.

"We definitely want to focus on community engagement, working with neighbourhoods," he added. "The city is growing, we've got a lot of pressure to grow and develop. Our economy is strong, and we have to do that very carefully and thoughtfully, working with our neighbourhoods."

Robertson thanked his "sweetheart" Amy and his four kids for understanding why he misses dinners, and for helping him through the campaign by giving out flyers and keeping him grounded.

Vision supporters also cheered for the defeated Anton when Robertson thanked her for her years in public service.

Vision Vancouver swept up the top seven council seats, five school-trustee seats and five parks board seats. The Non-Partisan Association secured two council seats, while Green Party candidate Adriane Carr rounded the list.

More coverage {page 4}

NPA seeks a balance on council

The Non-Partisan Association gained another seat on Vancouver council, but lost the war Saturday night.

NPA leader Suzanne Anton failed in her bid to oust incumbent Mayor Gregor Robertson, but she took solace in the fact her party doubled their seats on council — from Anton's one seat in 2008 to two.

"I do congratulate Gregor and his team. Some of our team was elected, but I am disappointed that more of our team didn't get elected," Anton said during a gracious concession speech. "For those who got elected, congratulations. And for those who didn't get elected, I am so proud to have been running with you."

Despite Anton's loss, seven NPA candidates have been elected for a three-year-term: Elizabeth Ball and George Affleck to city council, Melissa De Genova and John Coupar to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and Ken Denike, Sophia Woo and Fraser Ballentyne to the Vancouver School Board.

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▶ NPA mayoral candidate Suzanne Anton

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Greens take seat in Canada's 'greenest city'

Adriane Carr makes history as first ever Green party member elected to Vancouver city council Beat out 11th place finisher by just 91 votes

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

▶ Adriane Carr makes local history as she becomes the first-ever Green Party member elected to Vancouver city council.

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Eighth time's a charm for Adriane Carr as she became the first Green party candidate elected into the Vancouver city council Saturday.

Carr, the deputy leader of the federal Green party, said Saturday's election night was a "complete nail-biter," but she's honoured that Vancourites have put their trust in her to represent them at council.

"It's a big responsibility and I really can hardly wait to get working at it," said Carr, who beat out Coalition of Progressive Electors candidate Ellen Woodsworth by just 91 votes to take the city's 10th council seat.

Carr credits her win to a campaign on a shoestring budget that was driven by volunteers and their enthusiasm and the diverse support all across Vancouver.

Carr said the first thing on her city hall agenda is examining and improving the current Short Term Incentives for Rental Housing program.

"It's not doing a good job at delivering affordable housing, and if you combine that with the fact that it's creating such anger amongst people, we've really got to look at that program and see what could be done better," she said.

"Seeing Elizabeth May win nationally and myself civically, it bodes well for the future of the Green party."
ADRIANE CARR

Her historic win will show what the Green party has to offer, Carr promised.

"I think it means that we are on the rise," she said.

Carr is also looking forward to working with Mayor Gregor Robertson and a Vision majority council in its overall goal of becoming the world's greenest city.

"So far in the last three years, Vision hasn't done as good a job as I think it could, and I can help make it better, and that's what I look forward to doing," she said.

Record turnout in Vancouver's civic election

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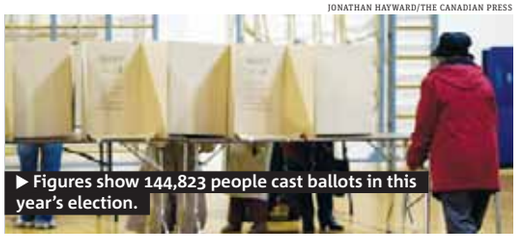

▶ Figures show 144,823 people cast ballots in this year's election.

Vancouver's civic election set a new record for the highest absolute number of voters in the city's history.

In all, 144,823 people cast ballots, constituting slightly less than 35 per cent of eligible voters. The figure is slightly higher than 2008's 31 per cent turnout figure. The previous record was set in 2002, when 140,332 citizens cast ballots. DAVID PROCTOR

34.6% of eligible voters cast ballots in the Vancouver civic election.

COPE shut out of city hall

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▶ COPE candidates RJ Aquino and Ellen Woodsworth

In a disappointing defeat, the Coalition of Progressive Electors were eliminated from Vancouver City Council and the park board, with only one COPE candidate elected out of nine.

Allan Wong was the sole COPE member to be re-elected to the school board, compared to the six COPE members elected in 2008.

Newcomer RJ Aquino, who came in 20th place, believes the party delivered a strong platform. He attributes their loss to a lack of media coverage.

"I think the mainstream media played a factor. The issues were being overshadowed by the Occupy protest and the two-party system," he said. "It was embedded in the public's mind that NPA and Vision were the only two parties."

Despite running with a $340,000 budget compared to the $2-million NPA and Vision budgets, Aquino said the party managed to connect with young voters.

"We only had a fraction of the budget, all things considered, we put on a good showing. KENDRA WONG

Burnaby, Surrey swept by incumbents

Saturday's municipal election belonged to the incumbents, but nowhere were the victories more resounding than in Burnaby and Surrey.

Surrey mayor Diane Watts emerged victorious with an overwhelming 80 per cent of the vote, sharing her victory with every other candidate in her Surrey First slate. School trustee Charlene Dobie of the Surrey Civic Coalition was the only non-Surrey First candidate elected. This election will mark the beginning of Watts' third term as mayor.

In Burnaby, mayor Derek Corrigan also won handily, with 76 per cent of the vote. His Burnaby Citizens Association also winning every seat on both city council and the school board.

Controversial newcomer Burnaby Parents' Voice, organized in opposition to anti-homophobia education in schools, was unable to elect a single member. DAVID PROCTOR

Election results

Complete list of Lower Mainland mayors elected on Saturday, and the amount of votes received.

- **Vancouver:** Gregor Robertson – 77,005
- **West Vancouver:** Michael Smith – elected by acclamation.
- **North Vancouver:** Darrell Mussatto – 5,037
- **Richmond:** Malcom Brodie – 20,955
- **New Westminster:** Wayne Wright – 6,633
- **Surrey:** Dianne Watts – 55,826
- **Burnaby:** Derek Corrigan – 25,053
- **Coquitlam:** Richard Stewart – 10,050
- **Port Moody:** Mike Clay – 3,154
- **Port Coquitlam:** Wayne Wright – 6,633
- **New Westminster:** Greg Moore – 5,827
- **Pitt Meadows:** Deb Walters – 2,025
- **Langley:** Peter Fassbender – 2,455
- **Langley Township:** Deb Walters – 2,025
- **Mission:** Ted Adlem – 3,728
- **Abbotsford:** Bruce Banman – 13,837
- **Maple Ridge:** Ernie Daykin – 7,394
- **Delta:** Lois E. Jackson – 10,044
- **White Rock:** Wayne Baldwin – 2,169

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Musician found dead in Downtown Eastside

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The local music community is mourning for Randy Ponzio after he was found dead in a Downtown Eastside rooming house Saturday.

The body of Yaletown musician Bruce Randall (Randy) Ponzio was found after police received a call shortly before 5 p.m. to the Balmoral Hotel in the 100-block of East Hastings.

The 35-year-old solo musician and member of Quest Poetics won the Shore 104.3 FM Song Search 2011 grand prize with his track For The People.

Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Lindsey Houghton said there were no obvious signs of trauma, but police are treating his death as suspicious.

Police are awaiting autopsy results to determine the cause of death, he added.

FACEBOOK.COM

▶ Randy Ponzio

Police appealed to the public in search of Ponzio, who went missing Nov. 15 after leaving a Vancouver residence at around 9 p.m. to go out for a walk.

"He failed to return and his disappearance sparked a search by police, family, friends, and many in the local music community," Houghton said in a statement.

"Despite extensive canvassing and searches in the Downtown Eastside, he was not located."

Friends and fellow musicians expressed their grief and sadness on Facebook.

"You'll live forever in your music, in the music you helped so many others create, in the artists and people you have shaped," Amber Dawn wrote.

"From your aura, to your golden voice.... You shined brother when you walked into a room and your voice was one of a kind," Satya Goldness wrote. "I know we weren't close but if that's what you're giving off to people you don't really know, I can only imagine what those you loved received."

Police are now appealing to anyone who saw Ponzio in his final days and hours to contact major crime investigators at 604-717-2500 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Occupy tents will go, but not quietly

Protestors emphasize that resistance will be peaceful ◐ Injunction requires all structures be gone by 2 p.m. today

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Occupy Vancouver protestors remained defiant yesterday with one day to go before a court injunction requires them to remove their tents or face arrest.

"The encampment is a political expression," said protestor Jordan 'Aleister' Malcolm. "I'm trying to influence the minds of the police around here to defect and not take the orders ... The police are part of the 99%, and it's very questionable who they're protecting and serving."

On Friday, the B.C. Supreme Court ordered all tents and structures to be removed by 2 p.m. today and authorized the arrest of anyone interfering with the removal.

Tom A. of the Occupy media team explained that "people are going to act as individuals ... A lot of people are going to move away peacefully, and not interfere. Some people have decided to link arms around their dome tents, and said they will peacefully but by force be removed from the site."

He added that the media team will relocate offsite, but "we will leave a symbolic image, probably of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which they will have to tear down. A lot of people are going to do very symbolic things like that."

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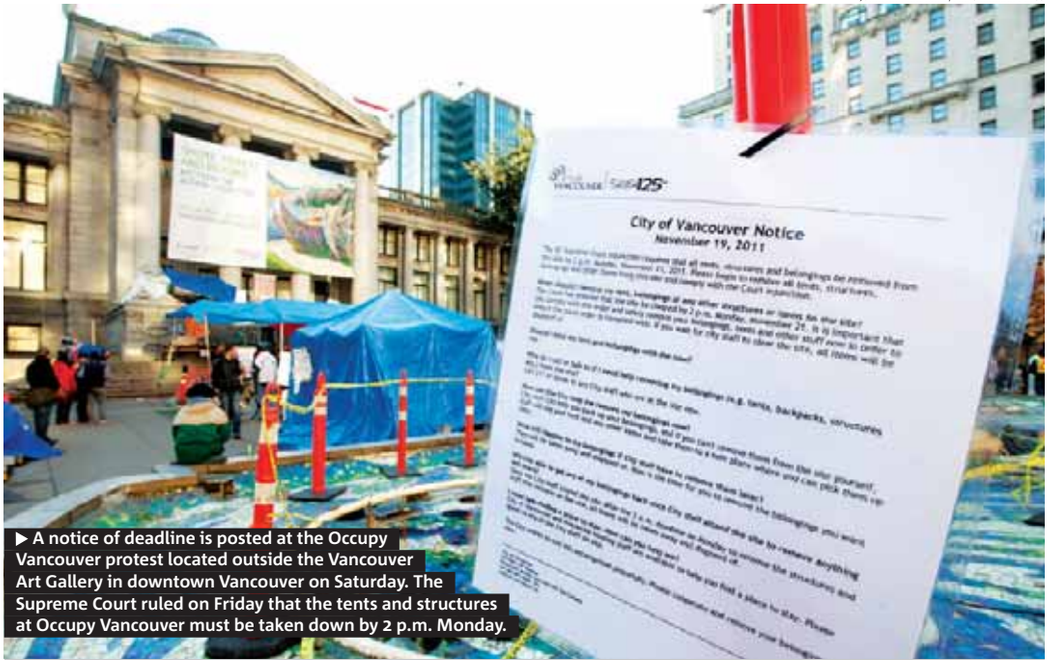

▶ A notice of deadline is posted at the Occupy Vancouver protest located outside the Vancouver Art Gallery in downtown Vancouver on Saturday. The Supreme Court ruled on Friday that the tents and structures at Occupy Vancouver must be taken down by 2 p.m. Monday.

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Funding cuts leave homeless in the cold

With freezing temperatures forecast for the coming months and cuts to provincial funding, Vancouver's homeless population may have a difficult time seeking shelter from the cold weather.

The provincial government normally provides annual funding for an additional 160 Homeless Emergency Action Team (HEAT) beds in the city.

The "low-barrier" shelters are open to anyone and provide places to store goods, such as shopping carts and clothing.

Due to budget cuts, these beds will no longer be available, leaving the homeless to rely on permanent social housing, an option Housing and Social Development critic Shane Simpson says is not available.

"Housing advocates say these facilities are necessary, there's a demand for (these beds) and it should be treated as an emergency situation," Simpson said.

Three temporary HEAT shelters will remain open providing 340 spaces for the homeless.

Housing Minister Rich Coleman could not be reached for comment.

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▶ MLA Shane Simpson

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▶ In this image made from video, a police officer uses pepper spray as he walks down a line of Occupy demonstrators sitting on the ground at the University of California, Davis on Friday. The video — posted on YouTube — was shot as police moved in on more than a dozen tents erected on campus and arrested 10 people, nine of them students.

Pepper-spray use investigated

Twitter, Facebook comments criticize police action
Such images have served to galvanize support

A California university placed two of its police officers on administrative leave yesterday because of their involvement in the pepper spraying of passively sitting protesters, while the school's chancellor accelerated a task force's investigation into the incident amid calls for her resignation.

The president of the 10-campus University of California system also weighed in on the growing fallout from Friday's incident at UC Davis, saying that he is "appalled" at images of students being doused with pepper spray and plans a far-reaching, urgent assessment of law-enforcement procedures on all campuses.

"I implore students who wish to demonstrate to do so in a peaceful and lawful fashion. I expect campus authorities to honour that right," UC president Mark G. Yudof said. All 10 chancellors would convene soon for a discussion "about how to ensure proportional law-enforcement response to non-violent protest," he said.

Officials at UC Davis refused to identify the two officers who were placed on administrative leave but one was a veteran of many years on the force and the other "fairly new" to the department, the school's police Chief Annette Spicuzza told The Associated Press. She would not elaborate further because of the pending probe.

Videos posted online of the incident clearly show one riot-gear-clad officer dousing the line of protesters with spray as they sit in a line with their arms intertwined.

Both officers were trained in the use of pepper spray as department policy dictates, and both had been sprayed with it themselves during training, the chief noted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

View the video online at metronews.ca.

Some Occupy campers have full-time jobs

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON IN EDMONTON

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO

▶ Brooke B. and her dog Bill warm up in an Occupy Edmonton tent between shifts.

Occupy Edmonton wants to clear up a misconception.

Of the core group of regular campers at Jasper Avenue and 102 Street site, five or six are full-time students and another five leave daily for full-time jobs, said a spokesperson.

"I am in my last year of political science and then plan to go to law school," said Mahad Mohamed, 23.

One member juggling Occupy camp duties and working full-time is Brooke B., a former Westin chef who now waits tables at night.

She's also a mom of two and hung up her chef's jacket — and its 60-hour work weeks — to raise her kids, aged nine and a year and a half. She also pays taxes. Brooke said she was bothered by comments posted online in response to a news story recently, saying the protesters should all get jobs.

"It's a logical fallacy," said Brooke. "But it's frustrating.... We're here holding this ground so we can get this message to more people."

She stays full-time at the camp, with her partner and kids, since they winterized.

"I've always felt that there were gross inadequacies in our society. This movement just resonated. It's time," said Brooke.

Fight fans tell Putin what they think

RIA NOVOSTI, ALEXEI DRUZHININ, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, left, shakes hands Russian heavyweight mixed martial artist Fedor Emelianenko yesterday.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was greeted by catcalls when he stepped into the ring after a mixed martial arts fight at a Moscow arena last night.

The whistles and shouts, heard clearly on the live television broadcast, were an unprecedented rebuke as Putin prepares to return to the presidency next year.

A judo enthusiast, Putin has long been an admirer of Russian heavyweight mixed martial artist Fedor Emelianenko and came to see him take on American Jeff Monson.

After Emelianenko won, Putin stepped into the ring to congratulate him, but was met with catcalls from many of the 22,000 fans at the Olympic Stadium.

Russian Professional Boxing Federation spokesman Andrei Bazdrev said on Ekho Moskvy radio that Putin seemed taken aback by the unexpected negative reaction, but quickly regained his composure. Speaking over the din, Putin praised Emelianenko as a "real Russian bogatyr," a term for a medieval warrior.

The video was quickly posted on the Internet. "The end of an era," Alexei Navalny, one of Russia's best-known bloggers, wrote on Twitter.

While Putin remains highly popular in Russia, his approval ratings have fallen steadily in recent months. The independent Levada Center said polling done in late October showed Putin with 61 per cent support, down from 77 per cent a year ago.

Putin, who was president from 2000 to 2008, has announced plans to run for a third term in March. Even though he is all but certain to win the election, he has been actively campaigning for months.

On Friday, he put on skates and invited television crews to film him playing a game with former hockey stars in which he was allowed to score. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Asbestos export causes Tory dissent

A growing number of Conservative MPs are questioning their government's position on the export of asbestos, with a group of them independently summoning industry experts to a meeting on Parliament Hill last week.

Solid caucus discipline has been one of Stephen Harper's political achievements. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Prison plan angers town residents

In one of South Florida's upscale, rural enclaves, town leaders decided to bring in much of their money from an unusual business: a prison.

Only the leaders of Southwest Ranches kept their plans quiet from residents for almost a decade. Many residents found out this year, and they're angry. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Activists to hound Davos summit

Activists inspired by the Occupy Wall Street movement say they will follow the world's political and business elite to their annual Alpine retreat in Switzerland in January.

Left-wing groups in Switzerland say their plans include building an igloo camp outside the World Economic Forum in Davos. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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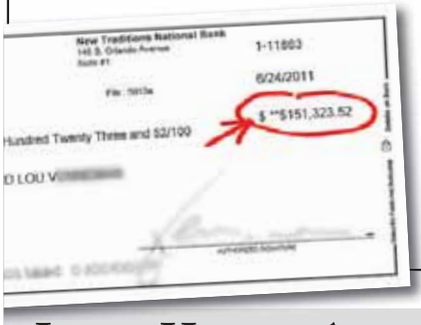

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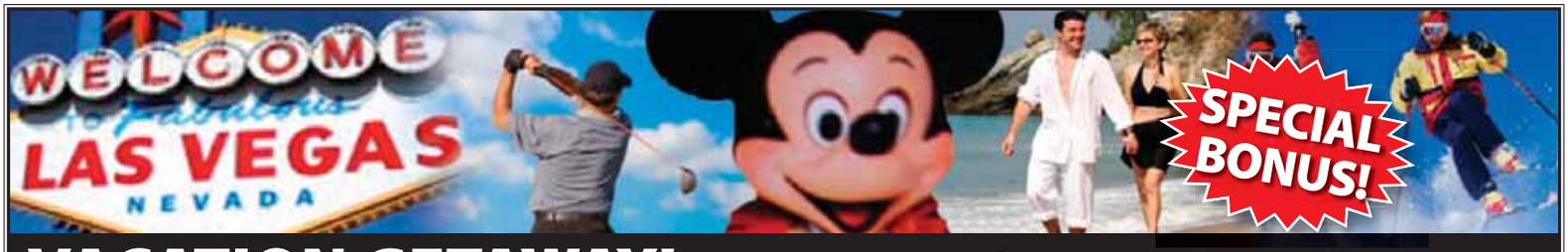

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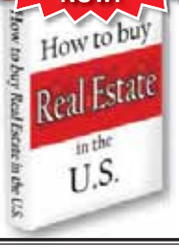

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Spain opposition scores big win

Voters shift clearly to right as they confront economic crisis

An exit poll said Spain's opposition conservatives scored a landslide win to oust the ruling Socialists in general elections yesterday that were dominated by a staggering unemployment rate and Europe's debt crisis.

The Popular Party led by Mariano Rajoy has won an absolute majority in parliament, according to the TNS-Demoscopia survey by Spain's state-run television, obtaining between 181 and 185 seats, compared to 154 in the last legislature. A majority in the 350-seat lower chamber is 176.

"The political change led by Mariano Rajoy has won tonight in Spain," PP campaign manager Ana Mato said, although she stopped short of declaring outright victory.

The Socialists, saddled by a stagnant economy and a 21.5 per cent jobless rate, plummeted from 169 seats to between 115 and 119 seats, according to the poll, which gave no margin of error.

Pre-election polls had pointed to a crushing win for the conservatives, with Spanish voters expected to punish the Socialists for a jobless rate that the government itself has said will take years to chip back down to even the upper teens.

If Rajoy does win, it will come after two election bid losses — in 2000 and 2004 — and present him with the daunting challenge of resurrecting the economy.

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▶ A conservative Popular Party supporter waves a Spanish flag while waiting for the results of the general elections in Madrid yesterday.

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Syria's ruling party HQ attacked: Activists

Rocket-propelled grenades struck the headquarters of Syria's ruling party yesterday, bringing the violence that has engulfed much of the country to the heart of its capital for the first time, activists said.

The attack on the building in Syria's capital of Damascus apparently caused no damage or casualties. But if true, it would mark a significant shift in the eight-month uprising against President Bashar al-Assad. Until now, the capital has remained relatively untouched.

The pre-dawn attack awoke many Syrians who reported hearing two loud blasts, but details could not be confirmed. The foreign minister denied an attack had taken place, and Syrian television broadcast footage of the building looking undamaged.

The Free Syrian Army, a group of military defectors, claimed responsibility, highlighting the growing militarization of the revolt following months of largely peaceful protests.

"This is an escalation that would signal a new phase in the Syrian uprising," said Thabet Salem, a Damascus-based analyst. "It gives a new dimension to the whole situation, which had been so far restricted to (government) action, and reaction from the opposition," he said.

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▶ Pro-Syrian regime supporters carry a huge portrait of President Bashar al-Assad during a demonstration to show their solidarity with their president, in Damascus, Syria, yesterday.

Afghans protest against plan to keep U.S. troops beyond 2014

More than 1,000 university students blocked a main highway in eastern Afghanistan yesterday to protest any agreement that would allow U.S. troops to remain in the country after a planned transfer of authority in 2014.

An assembly of more than 2,000 tribal elders and dignitaries known as a loya jirga over the weekend endorsed negotiating a security pact with Washington, though they also backed a series of conditions proposed by Afghan President Hamid Karzai including the end of night raids by international troops and complete Afghan control over detainees.

The protesters in Jalalabad city denounced any agreement that would keep U.S. troops in the country, blocking the road to Kabul and shouting "Death to America. Death to Karzai."

Both the resolution and the protests reflect the tension in Afghanistan between a desire for real sovereignty and the need to bolster the relatively weak government against a still-strong Taliban insurgency.

The idea of the proposed security agreement is to keep a U.S. military presence in Afghanistan past 2014, when most international forces are to have left. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ethiopian forces enter Somalia

A convoy of Ethiopian troops entered Somalia yesterday, residents said, in a possible attempt to open a third front against al-Qaida-linked Somali insurgents.

The incursion into the central town of Guriel appears to be the largest movement of Ethiopian troops into Somalia since an unpopular Ethiopian invasion nearly five years ago.

The al-Shabab insurgents are already fighting an African Union force in the Somali capital and Kenyan troops in the south, where al-Shabab said it attacked a Kenyan warship yesterday.

The Ethiopians met with members of Somalia's Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama militia in Guriel yesterday afternoon, then moved into an army base in the south of the city, said Sheik Abdulle Abdi. He belongs to the militia, which is allied to the weak UN-backed Somali government.

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Volcano sends ash, steam, gas into air

Mexico's Popocatepetl volcano has spewed a burst of ash five kilometres into the air after breaking through a dome of lava.

Mexico's National Disaster Prevention Center says yesterday's explosion continues a series of moderate eruptions from the 5,450-metre volcano 65 kilometres southeast of the Mexican capital.

The centre says the volcano has been emitting a small but steady stream of steam and gas since Friday.

Mexico City civil protection director Elias Moreno told Foro Television that there were no reports of danger or of ash falling on nearby communities.

The volcano has been erupting intermittently since December 1994.

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Yellowstone proposes killing, removing up to 360 bison

As many as 360 migrating wild bison would be shot by hunters in Montana, captured for slaughter or shipped elsewhere this winter under a proposal from Yellowstone National Park officials seeking an alternative to the indiscriminate slaughters of years past.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press show officials are considering "selective culls" to help reduce the park's bison population from 3,700 animals to about 3,000.

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Small gadget, big goals

Brothers plan to retail tablet for $60 in India Want to bring Internet to even the smallest villages, bridge considerable digital divide in India

It's an ambitious plan from two Canadian brothers to bring the Internet to billions of people around the world, from remote farming communities to bustling streetside markets.

The Indian-born, Canadian-raised entrepreneurs are behind the product dubbed the world's cheapest tablet computer, scheduled to be released in India within weeks.

They say the beauty of UbiSlate, an Android-based tablet, is that users will be able to obtain quality Internet access using existing low-speed cellphone networks.

That means farmers being able to access the weather forecast; India's army of small-business owners having access to eBay and email; and, of course, it means things Canadians take for granted like information on schools and social networking.

"In those villages, there is no other way to get the Internet, and they've never had it before," Raja Singh Tuli said in an interview.

"You're talking about people who have never had a screen of this size to look at anything other than maybe a television."

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▶ Raja Singh Tuli, chief technology officer of Datawind, displays a Ubislate at the company's office on November 12 in Montreal.

Tuli brothers

- The Tuli brothers came to Canada from India as youths in 1980 when their father, a civil engineer, moved them to Edmonton.
- They are both University of Toronto-educated engineers and have long been entrepreneurs, designing what was once recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest fax machine.
- Their company is behind the Indian government-subsidized version of the UbiSlate, dubbed Aakash ("Sky" in Hindi), a $35 Wi-Fi-only product intended for Indian university students.

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Egyptian protesters battle police, soldiers

- People fear stalwarts of Mubarak's party could win seats in elections
- Concern over plan to shield military from any civilian oversight

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▶ A protester gestures during clashes with Egyptian riot police, not seen, near the interior ministry in Cairo yesterday.

Egyptian soldiers and police set fire to protest tents in Cairo's Tahrir Square and fired tear gas and rubber bullets in a major assault yesterday to drive out thousands demanding that the military rulers quickly transfer power to a civilian government. At least 11 protesters were killed and hundreds were injured.

It was the second day of clashes marking a sharp escalation of tensions on Egypt's streets a week before the first elections since the ouster of longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak in February. The military took over the country, promising a swift transition to civilian rule. But the pro-democracy protesters who led the uprising have grown increasingly angry with the ruling generals, and suspect they are trying to cling to power even after an elected parliament is seated and a new president is voted in.

Street battles continued throughout the day and long into the night, spreading to side streets and sending a wave of injuries to makeshift clinics on the streets.

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▶ Riot police throw stones at protesters. Violence resumed yesterday after police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to try and clear about 5,000 protesters at Tahir Square.

The military-backed Cabinet said in a statement that elections set to begin on Nov. 28 would take place on time and thanked the police for their "restraint," language that is likely to enrage the protesters even more.

"We're not going anywhere," protester Mohammed Radwan said after security forces tried unsuccessfully to push the crowds out of Tahrir, the epicentre of the uprising. "The mood is good now and people are chanting again," he added after many of the demonstrators returned.

"We have a single demand: The marshal must step down and be replaced by a civilian council."
AHMED HANI, PROTESTER

The two days of clashes were some of the worst since the uprising ended on Feb. 11.

They were also one of only a few violent confrontations to involve the police since the uprising. The black-clad police were a hated symbol of Mubarak's regime, and after the uprising they have largely stayed in the background while the military took charge of security.

The military, which took over from Mubarak, has repeatedly pledged to hand power to an elected civilian government, but has yet to set a specific date. The protests over the past two days have demanded a specific date be set.

According to one timetable floated by the army, the handover will happen after presidential elections late next year or early in 2013. The protesters say this is too long and accuse the military of dragging its feet. They want a handover immediately after the end of the staggered parliamentary elections, which begin on Nov. 28 and end in March.
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Libya to try Gadhafi's son Seif at home

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▶ Seif al-Islam Gadhafi

Libya's new leaders said Sunday they will try Moammar Gadhafi's son at home and not hand him over to the International Criminal Court where he's charged with crimes against humanity. The government also announced the capture of the toppled regime's intelligence minister, who is also wanted by the court.

However, the former rebel faction that captured Seif al-Islam Gadhafi a day earlier is refusing to deliver him to national authorities in Tripoli, raising concern over whether he will get a proper trial and demonstrating the interim leaders' weak hold over their fractured nation.

In the capital, Information Minister Mahmoud Shammam said ex-intelligence minister Abdullah al-Senoussi was captured yesterday by revolutionary fighters. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NEW YORK

Suspected bomb plotter arrested

An "al-Qaida sympathizer" who plotted to bomb police and post offices in New York City as well as U.S. troops returning home has been arrested on numerous terrorism-related charges, city officials said yesterday.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the arrest of Jose Pimentel of Manhattan, "a 27-year-old al-Qaida sympathizer" who the mayor said was motivated by terrorist propaganda and resentment of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Bloomberg said at least 14 terrorist plots, including the current case, have been devised targeting New York City since the Sept. 11 attacks. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said police had to move quickly because Pimentel was ready to carry out his plan.
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Tehran bans pro-reform newspaper

Iran's official news agency says that authorities have banned the pro-reform Etemaad daily for two months on the charges of insulting officials and "spreading lies."

The paper had run an interview with Ali Akbar Javanfekr, the press adviser to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, on Saturday.

Javanfekr criticized conservative opponents of Ahmadinejad for the arrest of dozens of the president's allies over the past months.
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Iran leader's advisor imprisoned

The Iranian president's press adviser has been sentenced to a year in prison on charges of "publishing materials contrary to Islamic norms," the official IRNA news agency reported Saturday.

Ali Akbar Javanfekr has also been banned from journalism activities for three years, IRNA said.

Javanfekr is just the latest of dozens of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's political backers to be targeted by hard-line opponents. This appears to be part of an internal power struggle. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Suspect allegedly posed as doctor Also performed procedure on herself, and may have victimized others

A U.S. woman who wanted to work at a nightclub started searching for someone who could perform plastic surgery at a cheap price to give her a curvier body. Police say what she found was a woman posing as a doctor who filled her buttocks with cement, mineral oil and flat-tire sealant.

The suspect, Oneal Ron Morris, 30 — who police say was born a man and identifies as a woman — was arrested Friday after a year on the lam and has been charged with practising medicine without a licence with serious bodily injury.

The victim, who is not being named due to medical privacy laws, paid $700 for a series of injections in May 2010. She was referred to Morris by a friend.

Miami Gardens Police Sgt. Bill Bamford said the victim was reluctant to come forward. She quickly went to two South Florida hospitals due to severe abdominal pain and infected sores on her buttocks accompanied by flu-like symptoms. But she left each time, too embarrassed to tell doctors what she'd done.

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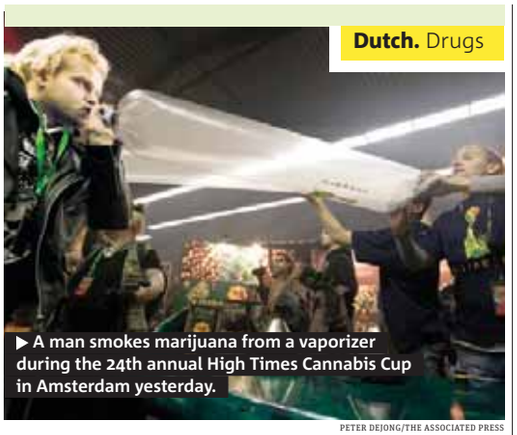

▶ A man smokes marijuana from a vaporizer during the 24th annual High Times Cannabis Cup in Amsterdam yesterday.

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Are high times finished?

People who buy a judge's pass for the festival can vote in the annual competition electing the best marijuana. People from around the world come to participate in the festival, although the festival's days could soon be numbered. The Netherlands, long known for its liberal drug policies, is changing course as right-wing political leaders try to ban tourists from buying marijuana in coffee shops.

Cops in Ont. scout for Hells Angels

Residents of a London, Ont., street were "concerned and uneasy" yesterday after police targeted the neighbourhood for what's believed to be a new Hells Angels foothold in the city.

Police were stopping all cars on the street Saturday as part of the investigation, a resident said. The "spot check" was designed to identify "Ontario Motorcycle Gang members and to check the safety of their motor vehicles," police said in a statement.

The statement did not indicate what led to the police action.

Neighbours said the motorcycle club has occupied a house on the street for about six weeks. There have been no signs of criminal activity, but the Outlaws — another motorcycle club — are believed to have a clubhouse four blocks east.

Some neighbours say they're worried about a possible turf war.

The Hells Angels house doesn't necessarily stand out when compared with others on the street. A five-foot wooden fence circles the perimeter of the property, and the driveway is gated. A sign advising people to use the side entrance is posted on the front door.

Police believe the southwestern Ontario city is home to 13 Hells Angels members and one prospect. The club was basically cleared out of the city in 2008.

METRO

Cheese, please? Then get ready to pay for it

A vast price gap exists at big-chain grocery stores Last week, old cheddar was $3.58 in Washington, $4.85 in London, $6.99 in Montreal

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife, Laureen, visit a dairy farm while campaigning in Acton Vale, Que., in April. A decades-old system is in place designed to protect Canadian farmers from volatile market fluctuations with made-in-Canada minimum prices. It also imposes tariff controls on foreign competition and sets quotas for domestic producers.

Canadian cheese lovers, Marianne Renaut feels your pain.

The Belgian-born Quebecer is shocked by the high price of Canadian dairy, and grocery store trips rekindle a longing for the bargains available in Europe.

So what's the story with Canadian grocery prices? It begins with supply management.

The system is a hidden, ubiquitous part of everyday life. It affects the market for Canadian milk, cheese, yogurt, chicken and eggs — which can be vastly more expensive here than in the U.S., with the gap widening, according to the OECD.

A staple of the rural economy, it's now the subject of a heated debate, amid international free-trade talks and growing doubt about its future.

1960s Supply management came into effect for the dairy industry in the late 1960s, and in the early 1970s for poultry and egg producers.

The decades-old system was designed to protect Canadian farmers from volatile market fluctuations with made-in-Canada minimum prices. It also imposes tariff controls on foreign competition and sets quotas for domestic producers.

Critics say it artificially drives up prices at the cash register and limits innovation. Farmers, meanwhile, argue that it preserves their way of life and cross-border price comparisons only tell part of the story.

News last week that the federal government might face pressure to abandon it during negotiations for a trans-Pacific trade zone created political sparring. But the protectionist system appears secure, at least in the short term.

Supply management came into effect for the dairy industry in the late 1960s, and in the early 1970s for poultry and egg producers, as a means of protecting Canadian farmers from highly unstable world prices.

Such a system isn't unique to Canada, either, as other countries have also put tariffs on certain products. Historically, it has had the steadfast support of politicians. Since its inception, Canadian policymakers from all parties have defended supply management for farmers, who wield considerable political influence.

Dismantling the deeply entrenched system wouldn't be easy anyway, since years of profitability have driven skyward the overall value of quotas given to individual farms. They have been estimated at $30 billion — or about $25,000 to $30,000 per cow — and compensation would be necessary if it were killed.

But critics say it's time for governments and farmers to consider changes because ballooning prices hurt consumers and impede free-trade negotiations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Chevron owns up to oil spill

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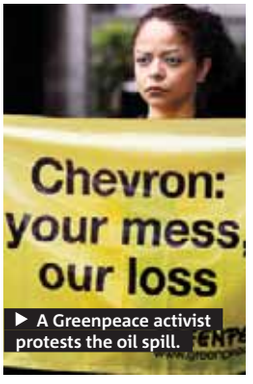

▶ A Greenpeace activist protests the oil spill.

The head of Chevron's Brazil operations says the company is taking full responsibility for an oil spill off the South American nation's coast.

George Buck says the spill happened because Chevron underestimated the pressure of an underwater oil reservoir while drilling, which caused oil to rush up the bore hole and seep into the surrounding seabed.

Buck said yesterday that the oil began leaking through seven narrow cracks within 150 metres of the well head.

He says between 1,590 litres and 15,899 litres are leaking each day.

The spill began Nov. 7.

Brazilian regulators say more than 416,400 litres of oil have spilled into the Atlantic ocean off the Rio de Janeiro coast. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ELECTIONS

Italy's PM asked not to run next term

Silvio Berlusconi revealed in an interview yesterday that his party had asked new Prime Minister Mario Monti not to run for office beyond his present term as part of negotiations to secure the Italian economist with crucial support from parliament's largest force.

The billionaire businessman, speaking to Corriere della Sera, reiterated that his party would decide on its support for Monti measure by measure. He also said he won't budge in his opposition to a tax on wealth that Monti is considering as one of his first actions to bring in revenue.

Monti — a former European Union competition commissioner — is leading a new government tasked with trying to save the country from financial ruin. In just under a week, Monti has assembled a cabinet of bankers, business executives, professors and other non-elected technocrats like himself.

While Monti has easily won confidence votes, he will need the support of Berlusconi's conservatives. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Butting heads on U.S. deficit

On the brink of failure, members of a special deficit-cutting committee blamed each other yesterday for the intransigence that has gridlocked the panel in its quest to cut the deficit by at least $1.2 trillion over the coming decade.

On yesterday morning's talk shows, Democrats and Republicans blamed each other for a deepening impasse that has all but doomed chances for an accord. Not a single panellist seemed optimistic about any last-minute breakthrough. Under the committee's rules, a plan would have to be unveiled today.

Democrats said that Republicans on the supercommittee were simply unwilling to move on tax increases that Democrats insist should be part of any package. And Republicans said Democrats' demands on taxes were too great, even in response to a scaled-back GOP offer made late last week. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

‘TRYING TO MAKE NEWS OUT OF SNOOZE’

URBAN COMPASS

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO VANCOUVER

With all the attention paid to homeless people, Occupy Vancouver protesters and cyclists during the civic election campaign, one group was completely overlooked: The headline writers.

Those literate souls who toil in obscurity on news desks across the city, trying to make news out of snooze. And today, they’re in tough. They don’t have much to work with in the wake of Saturday’s somnambulant civic snore-off.

“Mildly progressive mayor re-elected by a tiny minority” is not much of a headline. Nowhere near as newsworthy as “Right-wing forces beat back socialist horde! Common sense restored!”

When you’re on a deadline, you don’t have time to pine for what could have been. You’ve got a lemon, so you make lemonade. How about “Hundreds of thousands protest civic election by refusing to vote! Vast Majority stays home!”? Not bad, but the same thing happens every time. Nothing new there.

“Keyboards will be flung across newsrooms in frustration as Robertson returns to office.”

Sometimes you can make news out of dirt by picking an angle that everyone else has overlooked, such as “After umpteen tries, Green party’s Adriane Carr finally gets elected” or “Second generation of Genovas wins park board seat,” but those really are sidebars.

Maybe the direct approach will work: “Business as usual” or the slightly more provocative “Nothing happened.” If you make them big enough, so they cover the whole page, maybe someone will pick one up off the newsstand.

Not convinced? OK, let’s try the celebrity angle: “Kim Kardashian not eligible to vote in Vancouver election.” Got your attention, didn’t it? And it’s accurate!

It’s hard enough being in the media these days, with everybody else horning in with their tweets and camera phones. Headline writers were hoping to catch a break. If Suzanne Anton had defeated Gregor Robertson, and then actually went through with her threat to forcibly evict the Occupy Vancouver protesters from the front lawn of the art gallery, they would have had days, maybe weeks, of sensational headlines. As it is, keyboards will be flung across newsrooms in frustration as Robertson returns to office:

“City hall continues to hint that Occupy Vancouver violates city ordinances. Tent City could be gone by 2014. Police poised to do nothing.”

The drought will spread across every newsroom. Mike McCardell could be the only guy covering city hall: Chris Gailus: “Remember the good old days when city hall was a sure-fire source of news? Me neither. But here’s a colourful old guy who does. We’ll get to him after sports, weather, the markets and news about Uzbekistan.”

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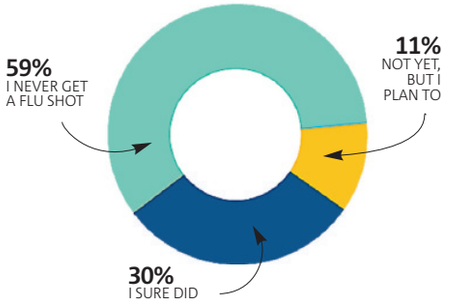

Local tweets

- **@yshas:** BC Lions are going to the Grey Cup after starting 0-5. Inspirational stuff.
- **@PetePothier:** Solid Performance by the BC Lions, this year’s WESTERN champs. Congrats on a huge feat. #BigTimeShowUp
- **@JoeJohal:** BC Lions are trending worldwide baby
- **@FoggyTravels:** GreyCup Bound Lions! From the mountains to the sea, we are the pride of all BC!
- **@laurajean43:** We did it! Congratulations to the BC Lions on winning the West Final and going to the Grey Cup! Bring on Winnipeg! Go #Lions Go!!
- **@ounodesign:** Well done @AdrianeCarr! You’re the indie voice of the people now! A tough job. Good luck! #vanelxn
- **@gregeh:** Whatever your opinion of the #vanelxn results, it’s not pleasing to see the city solidify as a two-party system.
- **@saskiamorgan:** @MayorGregor congratulations to you and the vision team. I am a proud vancouverite today #VanElxn

Worth Mentioning

ANOTHER CANADIAN CLICHÉ PUT TO REST. A survey conducted for Environment Canada suggests not all Canadians are actually obsessed with the weather.

Only 70 per cent said they’re very likely to check the forecast on a typical day and only 63 per cent said the forecast is important to them.

And while 79 per cent of Canadians thought it’s important that meteorologists be right about how much it’s going to snow, that was down five percentage points from 2002.

“Most Canadians ... feel that the weather information they receive provides enough information to make decisions or plans,” the study says.

The survey suggests a growing number of Canadians are getting weather information off the Internet, but TV and radio remain the first and second choices for respondents, with weather-specific channels topping the list.

When it comes to warnings, most Canadians get that information from local radio, the study says.

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WEIRD NEWS

Caribou play peekaboo

A vast herd of northern caribou that scientists feared had vanished from the face of the Earth has been found, safe and sound — pretty much where aboriginal elders said it would be all along.

“The Beverly herd has not disappeared,” said John Nagy, lead author of a recently published study that has biologists across the North relieved.

Those scientists were shaken by a 2009 survey on the traditional calving grounds of the Beverly herd. A herd that once numbered 276,000 animals seemed to have completely disappeared, the most dramatic and chilling example of a general decline in barren-ground caribou.

But Nagy’s research — and consultation with the communities that live with the animals — concludes differently.

It turns out that the Beverly herd has simply shifted its calving grounds.

Nunavut government biologist Mitch Campbell said a survey suggests Beverly numbers remain healthy.

While scientists are excited, aboriginal elders are more likely to shrug.

Next time scientists should pay them a little more mind, Campbell said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Statler and Waldorf have their say

The Muppets' curmudgeonly critics give their opinion of the latest movie from Kermit and his crew ◐ The review might not be accurate — Statler kept his eyes closed for most of the film

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The return of The Muppets wouldn't be complete without their constant critics, those perpetual balcony fixtures Statler and Waldorf who've been hurling insults at Kermit the Frog and his gang since the beginning. The old codgers weren't doing a lot of press for The Muppets, but they did agree to speak with Metro

Have you seen the new movie The Muppets yet? And if so, what do you think of it?

Statler: I loved the movie. Amy Adams is beautiful and funny. Jason Segel is hilarious. Chris Cooper makes a great bad guy. And the star cameos are amazing!

Waldorf: Yeah, but what about The Muppets?

Statler: I closed my eyes during those parts.

Waldorf: But The Muppets are in most of the movie. You kept your eyes closed for most of the movie?

Statler: Sure. That's why I liked it so much.

Is there anything special you'd like to say to our readers in Latin America?

Statler: Buenos dias! Mi casa su casa!

Waldorf: You old fool, you just invited Brazil, Colombia and Chile over to your house.

Statler: Oh… in that case, "His casa is su casa!"

Waldorf: Can I answer the question now?

Statler: Stranger things have happened.

Waldorf: Well, I just want to say to our friends in Latin America: See The Muppets. Cause there's nothing like great entertainment…

Statler: Yeah, and The Muppets are nothing like great entertainment.

What are you looking forward to in 2012?

Statler: The end of the Mayan Calendar.

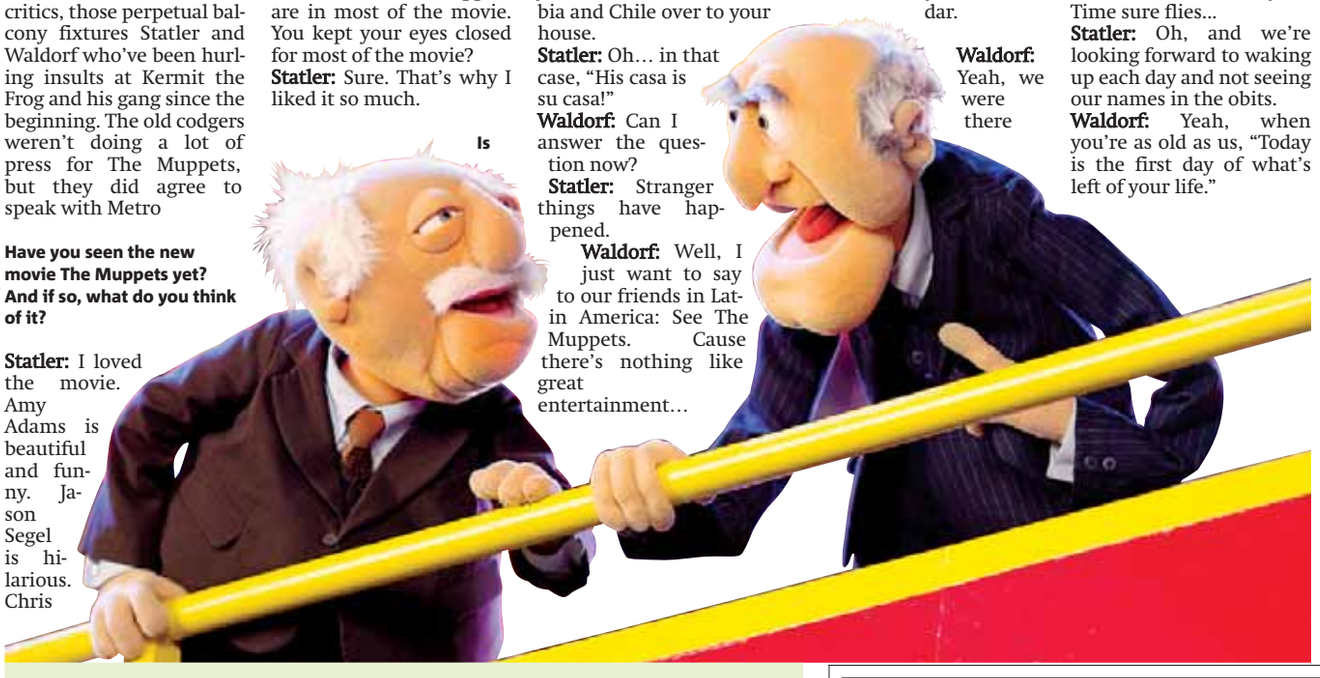
Waldorf: Yeah, we were there when they first made it; we want to see how it ends.

Statler: We're also looking forward to changing our socks.

Waldorf: Gee, you're right. It's an even number year. Time sure flies…

Statler: Oh, and we're looking forward to waking up each day and not seeing our names in the obits.

Waldorf: Yeah, when you're as old as us, "Today is the first day of what's left of your life."



Why Simpsons doesn't get old

Show's 500th episode set to air in February

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Despite a contract squabble earlier this year that might have brought an end to the Simpsons, Matt Groening's animated comedy is still kicking — and will be indefinitely, he says.

But how does a comedy stay fresh after 23 seasons? And what would an end look like? Series creator Groening says he doesn't plan to be around to find out.

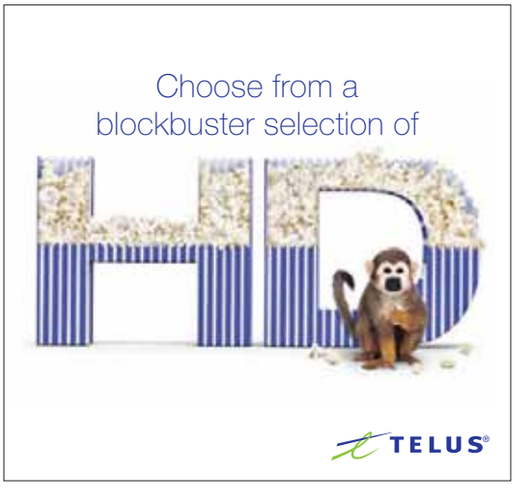
Do you already know how the show is going to end? Do you have the last episode in your mind?

I think everybody who works on the show has a secret final episode in mind. I had my idea, but my idea already got used up 10 years ago.

What's the secret to keeping a show going for more than 20 years?

I think the Simpsons is basically a forum for different kinds of comedy. It's not any one kind of comedy.

We tried different kinds of jokes and different styles … and our range of references go from truly obscure literary references to the most dumb, broad comedy that you can imagine.



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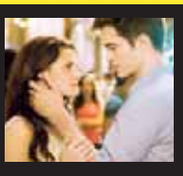
Scene in brief



The Twilight Saga has staked out another huge opening with a $139.5 million first weekend domestically and a worldwide launch of $283.5 million. The domestic total gives The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 the second-best debut weekend for the franchise, after the $142.8 million launch for 2009's The Twilight Saga: New Moon. The movie's debut weekend was the fifth-best on record. But the Warner Bros. dancing penguin sequel Happy Feet 2 stumbled in its debut, pulling in just $22 million over opening weekend. That's barely half what the first film in the animated franchise earned in its 2006 opening. The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, Immortals, fell to third-place with $12.3 million, raising its domestic haul to $53 million.

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Tony Award-winning actress Christine Ebersole cast in TBS comedy pilot Sullivan and Son.

Why wouldn't a 78-year-old take up a hip-hop career?

Aiello releases a rap CD Says grandchildren love his singing

How does Oscar-nominated actor Danny Aiello communicate with his nine grandchildren? Through rap music.

The 78-year-old said his grandchildren love his singing but couldn't remember his songs until he added rap.

"They went crazy over it (and) now they know all the words to the entire songs," he said.

Aiello, nominated for a best supporting actor Oscar for Spike Lee's 1989 film, Do the Right Thing, recently released his new album, Bridges.

It's a collaborative effort with rapper-songwriter Damon Hasan, who has produced music for Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Destiny's Child and Jennifer Lopez.

It seems like your grandchildren were a big part in the making of this album.
I utilize my grandchildren as my barometer for my success ... so my feeling was that it would be wonderful for me to do classic standards and put rap to it because the children of today are loving rap; I'm talking all colours, all religions, all nationalities love rap.

Do you have a new respect for rap?
I'm not into gangster rap, you know. I'm not into that. I'd have to say the beat, if I didn't accept the beat I would be a complete idiot because the beat is exciting. But the words itself are somewhat, for the most part, offensive to me.

What do you get creatively in music that you don't get in acting?
I've sung in movies ... singing in movies is quite easy because you're doing it as a character. ... But when you're on the stage singing as Danny Aiello, you are Danny Aiello ... so it's a little more frightening.

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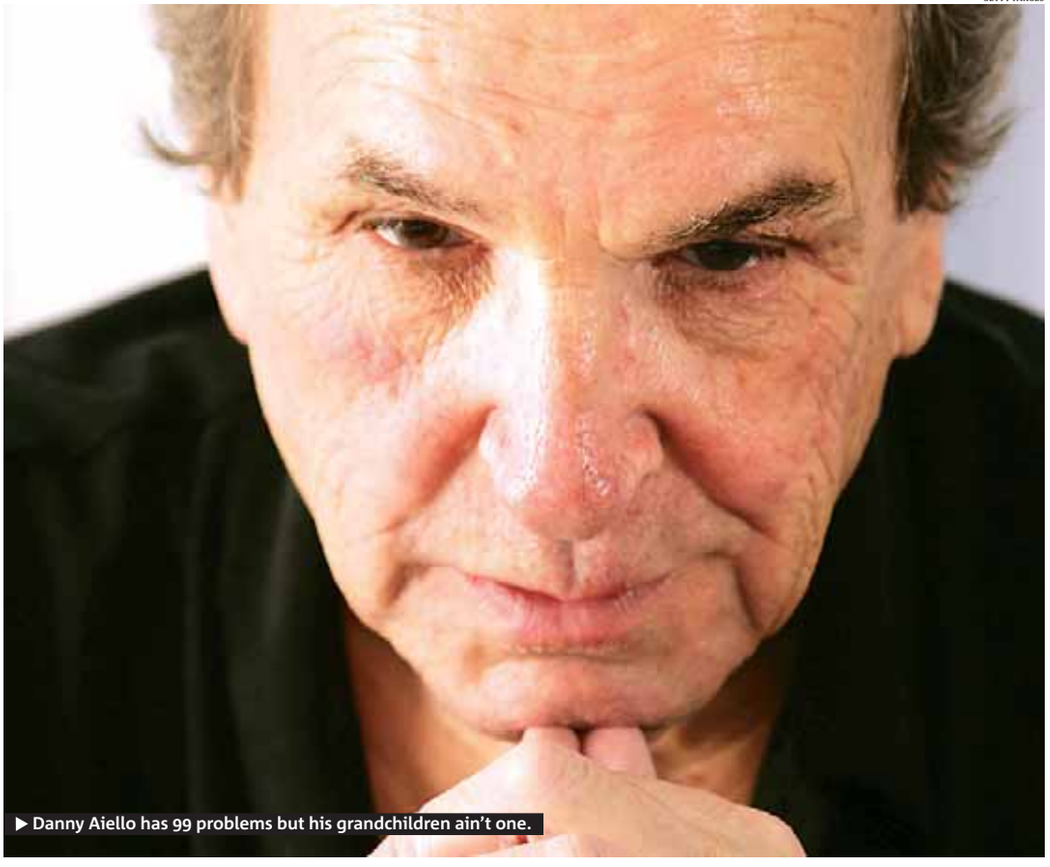

▶ Danny Aiello has 99 problems but his grandchildren ain't one.

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The F stands for fighting

LMFAO reveals that a hit song was born out of scuffle with Mitt Romney

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They're famous lyric is "everyday we're shuffling," but maybe they should alter it to "everyday we're scuffling."

In an interview with The Washington Post, RedFoo said the song We Came Here to Party was inspired by his bandmate Sky Blu's argument with Mitt Romney. The incident happened in February 2010 when Sky Blue reclined his chair too far back into Romney's space while on a Jet Blue flight. The lyrics of the song include:

▶ LMFAO aren't lovers, they're fighters.

"We came here to party (ROCK!)/We didn't come here to fight/ We both get a lot of attention in the press / You sellin' books and wanna be the president/ We sellin' hooks and the flow is heaven sent/ We both hustlin' so why we tustlin'."

RedFoo told the Washington Post that after the incident made national news, "both parties were fighting. Mitt Romney's fan were attacking the LMFAO fans and the LMFAO fans were going back and forth."

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Hoping to Enlighten viewers

Series gains fan base Waiting on word if renewed for another season

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"They're in it for a different endgame than other places and because their endgame is different, the whole process is different, the product is different and for someone like me, you couldn't ask for anything more."
MIKE WHITE ON HBO

It's ironic but the personal meltdown that accompanied the cancellation of Mike White's last series, Cracking Up, led the writer and actor to his latest acclaimed TV show.

"I had TV experiences that have been really painful in that you kill yourself and then they bury the show," said the School of Rock writer/star recently about returning to television with Enlightened.

"Sometimes the hardest part is going back to real life and try to put these idealistic notions into practice and I think that's sort of the spirit of what the show is."

Co-created with Laura Dern, the HBO series examines a woman who returns to her corporate lifestyle with a new-age lease on life after having a very public breakdown at the office.

Like many of White's more independent films (such as Chuck & Buck), the comedy has a melancholic subtlety.

"Because the character isn't an every-person, you kind of have to decide to follow her," said White.

"The cool part of TV is that you can continue to unfold a story and show a character in all of its dimensions and I think that hopefully the quality of the show will keep people coming back to it."

Enlightened has been steadily gaining fans and as White waits to hear whether the series (which airs Mondays on HBO Canada) will be renewed for another season, he remains unsure of whether another meltdown is also on the horizon.

"(I'm) facing it with a mixture of anticipation, excitement and kind of dread because it's a lot of work," laughed White.

"At the same time, there's something about this character that I relate to and in a way I think this first season is all set up ... the story of someone going up against a company and trying to change it from within can really get juicy."

Resumé

A few Mike White projects:

- **Nacho Libre:** Writer (2006)
- **School of Rock:** Writer/actor (2005)
- **Orange County:** Writer/actor (2002)
- **Chuck & Buck:** Writer/actor (2000)
- **Dawson's Creek:** Writer (1998-99)

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▶ Mike White and Laura Dern are co-creators of Enlightened, which airs Mondays on HBO Canada.

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Raising Martha

From Family Ties to Raising Hope — Martha Plimpton decides to step into granny panties as a series regular

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▶ Martha Plimpton

Though she's popped up on a number of TV shows as a guest star — starting with Family Ties when she was 15 — film and theatre star Martha Plimpton had never taken a job as a series regular until Raising Hope debuted last year.

With raves from critics and fans alike and an Emmy nomination under her belt, it's a decision Plimpton clearly isn't regretting.

You're obviously very young to be a grandmother.
I don't think it's that unusual, actually — in this country anyway — to be a 40-year-old grandmother. It happens all the time.

So in that regard, I don't feel that we are doing anything that revolutionary or weird. But, yeah. I guess you're right. It depends on the family, you know. We've all gotten past the me as a grandma thing. That's, like, so 2010. We've moved on.

How has the show changed in its second season?
Well, in season one, we were establishing relationships with the family and who we all are and what this family's about, and in season two, we're also seeing a little bit more of their town and the people that populate this town and the world of the Chances and their friends and their co-workers. What else? We established a little bit more of the history with Virginia and her evil cousin, Delilah, played by Amy Sedaris, who is absolutely fantastic. And so we see a little bit more of Virginia's insecure, vulnerable side with that dynamic, which was nice.

It's fun to play that stuff. Hope is bigger, of course. She's a toddler now. The girls who play Hope, Baylie and Rylie, are now almost 2, and so we're growing with them. We're adjusting our storylines and accommodating their, you know, newfound capabilities as human beings.

Is Moore into women?

Sources say Ashton and Demi had an 'open marriage' for years

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▶ Back when they were a Hollywood power couple: Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

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Ashton Kutcher's alleged infidelity may have been the last straw in his marriage to Demi Moore, but sources tell Star magazine that the pair's rumoured "open marriage" had been a strain for years.

"Everyone in Hollywood knows about their arrangement, but they've managed to keep it a secret from the general public," a source claims.

"Demi is attracted to women just as much as men, so she didn't always get all she needed from Ashton. She was cool with Ashton having flirtatious relationships, too.

Somehow they made it work all these years. Both of them were respectful of each other. It was a lot of fun for them."

But Kutcher's pair of cheating scandals, including his reported tryst with a young woman during his and Kutcher's sixth anniversary, were apparently too much for Moore, who filed for divorce late last week.

What PR person leaked that crazy information?

Because, yeah, everyone knows so many marriages are broken up because the wife is hot, likes threesomes and is "cool" with outside arrangements.

What horror that must have been for Kutcher! How he survived, I have no idea.

"Demi is attracted to women just as much as men, so she didn't always get all she needed from Ashton. She was cool with Ashton having flirtatious relationships, too."

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▶ Rihanna

Rihanna not in love with the single life

Rihanna says she's currently single — and not loving it.

"I'm not dating anyone right now. I'm not dating at all," she tells Ellen DeGeneres.

"I'm not necessarily happy being single. It's not really that cool."

But if she were to start dating someone, she'd need him to take charge, she admits.

"You know, I can't really be the man for you. I don't want to have to be," Rihanna says.

"I'm the man at work all the time. I do put a lot into my job. Most of my time, if not all of it. It definitely affects my personal life." METRO

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Kids fix the world

A class of first graders put their heads together to come up with cute fixes for a few global crises

On ending war

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We're in two wars! — Marlena

I know why they keep on fighting — because other people want more money. — Isaac

We need to say we don't want this war to happen anymore. We want it to stop. — Marlena

They would just ignore us and keep shooting the guns. I really like war. I want to be in the army. — Miles

Disaster relief

If I was in a tsunami, I would get my boat. — Rowan

And you could give them money and make sure they got enough food...and sleep. — Marlena

And had the right medicines. — Ella

I would jump into the water to save people. — Rowan

Oh, that would be a bad idea! — Ma-Sadio

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On unemployment

If someone didn't have a job, I would tell them that they could come and work for me. They could bake me something. — Akasha

I would give them money, so that they could buy a job. — Marlena

I'd give away my mom's or dad's job. — Lucy

My daddy doesn't really have a job but he takes care of me and my sister. — Nakamae

People who don't have jobs can help the people who do have jobs. — Nakamae

On Occupy Wall Street

People are marching in the park because they clean stuff a lot and they're not making enough money to get paid. — Ma-Sadio

My daddy says it's the bankers' fault. — Ella

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I want people to stop playing in the streets, and I want cops to stop arresting people. — Marlena

I just want protesters to stop breaking stuff. — Isaac

If I was poor and people gave money to me, and they were poor again, I would give them the same amount of money back so we could all be middle class. — Marlena

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Fill up on chunky chowder

This Italian-style soup may contain hearty ingredients but it is actually low in fat Complement it with green salad and a crusty whole wheat roll

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To spice things up a bit, increase the hot pepper flakes in this Mushroom, Tomato and Corn Chowder

Variation

Garnish
Top the soup with low fat grated mozzarella or Parmesan cheese.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 1 lb (500g) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 cups (500 mL) chopped leeks (white part only) (about 1 large)
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) each dried oregano and basil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) hot pepper flakes
- 2 cups (500 mL) water
- 2 cups (500 mL) frozen or canned corn kernels
- 1 can (28oz/796mL) diced tomatoes
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) chopped parsley (optional)

Preparation:

1. In large saucepan heat oil over medium heat; Add mushrooms, leeks, potato, garlic, oregano, basil and hot pepper flakes; sauté for about 5 minutes. Add water and corn; bring to boil and to 1/2 tsp (2 mL).

2. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in tomatoes, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to a simmer for about 10 minutes or until hot. Stir in parsley if desired.

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Satisfy the entire family with ease

Ingredients that kids are familiar with makes dinner a breeze Try Parmesan Chicken with Rice Krispies

"In order to satisfy everyone, stick to one simple but delicious dish that you know everyone will love," says Trish Magwood, award-winning cookbook author of In My Mother's Kitchen, and mom of three. "Choose a dish that appeals to adults and kids, rather than trying to make numerous dishes. You will be pleasantly surprised to see how much time it saves."

This Parmesan Chicken recipe, a favourite with families, is easy to prepare and cooks in no time. Best of all, it uses fridge and pantry staples, including Rice Krispies, that give it that irresistible crunch.

Preparation:

1. In large plate or shallow pan, combine crushed cereal, Parmesan cheese, basil and oregano. Stir in melted butter.

2. In bowl, beat egg and milk slightly. Stir in flour and salt; mix until smooth. Dip chicken in batter, then coat with cereal mixture. Place in single layer on foil or parchment lined baking sheet.

3. Bake in 180°C (350°F) oven for about 35 minutes or until no longer pink in centre. (Do not cover or turn chicken while cooking). NEWS CANADA/TRISH MEGWOOD/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

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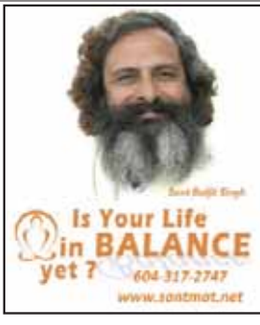
Ingredients:

- 750 mL (3 cups) Rice Krispies, crushed to make 375 mL (1 1/2 cups)
- 125 mL (1/2 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) dried basil leaves
- 1 mL (1/4 tsp) dried oregano leaves
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) melted butter
- 1 egg or 2 egg whites
- 75 mL (1/3 cup) 2% milk
- 75 mL (1/3 cup) all-purpose flour
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) salt
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breasts about (1 kg/2 lbs total)



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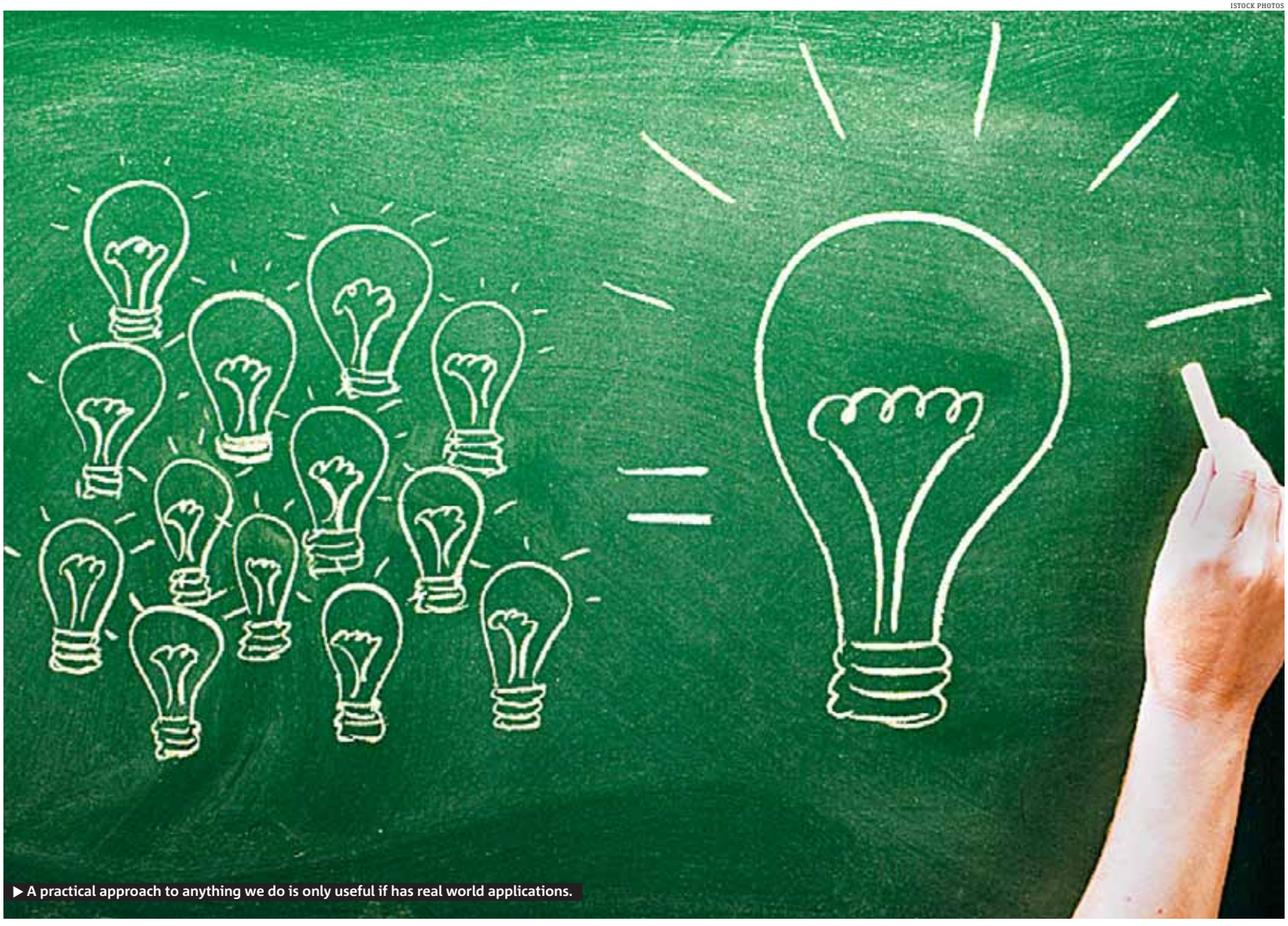

▶ A practical approach to anything we do is only useful if has real world applications.

50 green and great ideas

Clean-tech charts the future for entrepreneurial-driven change ◗ Summit's results already being put to use

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Imagine a gala awards ceremony, where the best and brightest minds in the Canadian clean-tech field are brought together to celebrate progress and achievement.

But, there's a twist. The winners are swept away to an exclusive island yacht club – and told they can't leave until they create a list of 50 innovative and practical green ideas.

This is not fiction, folks. It happened – very recently. And the result? The Clean50 Summit's list of 50 great ideas.

"We determined there are all kinds of awards for companies that have done lots of good things, but there were no awards for individuals," says Gavin Pitchford, founder/principal of Delta Management Group Corporation, which organized the event.

The 50 honourees came from a wide range of backgrounds. Clean-tech, retail, banks, universities — even big oil companies. And once they all met and started debating the future, there was a surprisingly high level of consensus.

"We have such a powerful clean-tech industry in Canada. It's entrepreneurial-driven. We're absolute leaders in this field in the world and I don't think that a lot of people on the corporate side really appreciate it." GAVIN PITCHFORD

"This is the first time it's ever happened, anywhere in the world," Pitchford says. "What was phenomenal was that a lot of them had never talked to people from the other sectors before. They'd sort of been greening their own little part of the world, but hadn't crossed over."

One of the ideas include a call for governments to stop taxing initiatives that are good for the environment.

"It's possible to expense your employee's car and parking — but not their bike without them having to take a tax hit for it," he explains. "The government will let you spend money on things that have undesirable outcomes — like driving to work. But they won't fix some of the other stuff."

It turns out Canada is already a global leader in clean technology, and not everyone knows it.

"We have such a powerful clean-tech industry in Canada. It's entrepreneurial-driven. We're absolute leaders in this field in the world and I don't think that a lot of people on the corporate side really appreciate it. These businesses and these opportunities exist in this country."

The Clean50 summit boosted awareness. Many of the ideas are already being pitched to governments.

"Yes, we've heard a lot of these ideas before. But we haven't done them yet," Pitchford concludes. "It would be a real shame to lose this. So we decided to keep going with it – and that's what's happening."

View the full list of ideas at http://clean50.ca/50greatideas.html.

STAYING GREEN WHILE KEEPING THINGS CLEAN

What remedies do you suggest for cleaning the toilet? ***Nancy of Winnipeg***

QUEEN OF GREEN

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You must try my green cleaning recipe, called all-purpose powder. It's very easy to make — it only takes two ingredients.

In a container, combine a 50:50 mixture of borax and washing soda. Stir and then sprinkle into toilet, scrub and rinse.

This recipe works well with a white vinegar chaser, too.

Don't add vinegar to the powder.

Instead, after scrubbing, pour about half a cup of white vinegar in the toilet.

Let it sit to disinfect and deodorize before flushing.

Add borax and washing soda to your next grocery list — they're key ingredients in most of my favourite green cleaning recipes, available at queenofgreen.ca.

Borax, or sodium borate, is a naturally occurring alkaline mineral salt.

It's effective because it disinfects, fights mould and mildew and whitens.

You can find a box, for about $7, in the laundry aisle of most grocery stores.

Most people will recognize the borax box from their grandmother's pantry.

Washing soda, or sodium carbonate, is more caustic and has a higher pH than its cousin, baking soda.

Fewer mainstream grocery chains carry washing soda, although Arm and Hammer distributes it.

If you can't find it at your local grocer in the laundry aisle, check out health food stores or organic grocers.

Borax and washing soda are found in a host of green cleaning recipes because they are versatile, affordable and eco-friendly.

But even things from nature can be harmful, so store borax and all green cleaning products safely away from children and pets.

Finished products you make should also be clearly labelled.

And don't underestimate baking soda, which on its own lifts dirt, deodorizes and whitens. You can even substitute washing soda for baking soda in this recipe.

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The teacher says...

Dr. Jane Foley is a leading U.S. educator who, as senior vice-president of the Milken Family Foundation, motivates other teachers to do better Here are her thoughts on the 'smart' debate

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How do you define smart?
I'd define it in a number of ways. First of all, it's understanding history and how history shapes the present and future. Next, it's the present: knowing the world around you, physically, but also beyond your surroundings and accepting and appreciating that we live in this global world. It's also important to understand math, science and language, but also how you apply that in your daily and professional life. And then how to access information and discern the value of that information since we're bombarded by info overload.

"We see our students preparing now for a life where we don't even know what their career will be."
DR. JANE FOLEY

Is the definition of 'smart' changing?
Yes. Exponentially, and at a rate faster than we've seen in our lifetime. We see our students preparing now for a life where we don't even know what their career will be, so access to this information — it's changing the way all of us have to think, learn and work.

We value 'book smarts' but now there seems to be an additional set of skills required to make it in this world.
It's a hybrid. We want to learn the classics — the past — and our current culture — the present — but we have to evolve with the changes. Books can be hard copies or digital, e-mail, social media, by phone like we're talking now, or a face-to-face meeting. I go to a lot of universities in my job and people still go to libraries! There's still a lust for knowledge.

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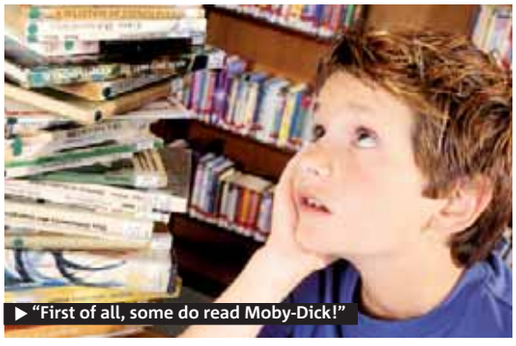


"First of all, some do read Moby-Dick!"

But some kids don't read Moby-Dick yet they're on Google+. Doesn't that give them the advantage in 2011?
First of all, some do read Moby-Dick! Do they have an advantage? I don't think you can compare. Think of every generation and what they faced. My parents faced WWII, a lot of us lived through the ending of the Cold War, now young people are digital natives. The common denominator is talented people rise to the occasion and lead. The difference today is that it's essential for them to have a national and international focus.

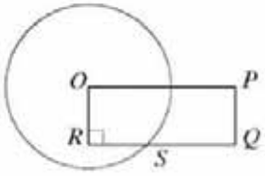
What do kids need to learn in order to make it?
Humility. Flexibility. A lust for knowledge. And a passion to make a difference.

And what do our leaders look like 40 years from now?
It's naive to even think about predicting. I can think back to 40 years ago — we had no idea what 2011 would look like. Even sci-fi movies couldn't predict the future. It's people. People make the future. Someone like Steve Jobs helped shape a generation. We'll always have those people to move us forward.

Would you pass this test? Even the math?

If you were taking a big exam tomorrow, how would you do? Try these sample questions from test prep service Kaplan to find out.

1. If x is an integer, which of the following is NEVER true?
A $x^2 < x^3$
B $x^3 < x^2$
C $x^3 < x$
D $x^2 < x$
E $x^2 < x^4$



2. The figure above shows a rectangle with one of its vertices at the centre of circle O. If rectangle OPQR has a perimeter of 22, OP = 8, and RS = 3, what is the area of the circle?
A 9π
B 18π
C 22π
D 24π
E 30π

3. Identify the error:
John Updike, like a number of modern novelists, created a serialized character, but unlike other writers, the saga of Updike's Rabbit Angstrom actually won the Pulitzer Prize for literature.
A like
B of
C other writers
D for literature
E no error

4. Fill in the blanks: Because Roberta had not ____ her company through the usual legal pathways, the Internal Revenue Service considered her firm's tax-exempt status to be a ____ matter.
A established . . disputable
B determined . . confirmed
C verified . . contradictory
D undermined . . adverse
E quantified . . specialized

5. Identify and Correct: The waiter's nervous trembling had frightened some customers; but he was steadier after a few messy spills.
A had frightened some customers; but he was
B had frightened some customers; fortunately, he was
C had frightened some customers; however, he had been becoming
D frightened some customers, fortunately, he was
E frightened some customers, however, he became

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ANSWER KEY: 1. D; 2. B; 3. C; 4. A; 5. B

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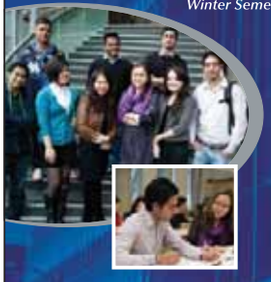

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- As a young man, he attended a girls school, where he did OK. His favourite subject: math. Now he's the most famous physicist in the world.

BOBBY FISCHER (1943-2008)
- This chess whiz went to school in Brooklyn, and learned how to play with a set from a candy store.

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She's got success in the bag

Deck yourself in delight ◗ Jane Ip reminds that a smile is any entrepreneur's most important accessory

TURNING POINT

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In Chinese, the words *Jeanne Lottie* mean true happiness.

And for more than 25 years, Jane Ip has been bringing joy to the millions of women who have bought her beautifully designed handbags and accessories. She is proud of her success and honest when it comes to doing business in a challenging economy.

"You need discipline to get through the tough times, but if you have your health and mental ability, nothing can hinder you to go forward."

Jane was inspired by her father's entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen.

Every night at dinner she and her sister Charlotte would be schooled in the world of business ownership.

"He always told us to be patient. It's easy to open a business but it's hard to maintain.

Being an entrepreneur is not for everybody. You have to know what you want and really pursue it."

As I look at Jane standing in the midst of the company she has built and nurtured, I'm reminded of the Chinese meaning of Jeanne Lottie.

As I take her photo in amongst the beauty of her creations I realize her smile says it all: true happiness.

Jane's gems

Advice from the accessory queen:

- We all have talent, we just have to make it happen.
- It's really important that you surround yourself with positive people.
- Love what you do and be passionate about it.
- Do not be afraid.
- If you don't do it today you will regret it and say, What a waste.
- We have to give back because it's not about money. At the end of the day you have to feel good about what you have done.

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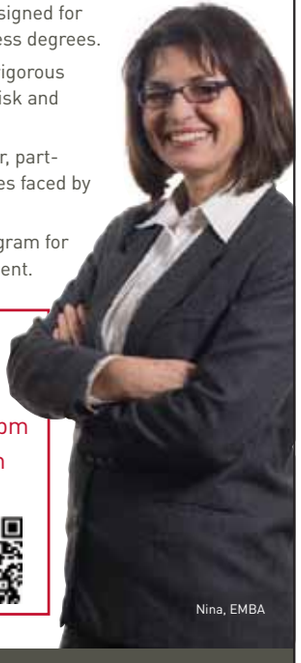

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Dream season keeps on going for Lions

Team that started year 0-5 now just one win away from claiming cup

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▶ B.C.'s Geroy Simon makes a touchdown reception as Jykine Bradley defends yesterday.

Their season started in a deep hole but the B.C. Lions are one step closer to reaching the top of the mountain.

A B.C. team that began the year 0-5 will get a chance to win the Grey Cup at home after the Lions mauled the Edmonton Eskimos 40-23 in the CFL West Final yesterday.

It was a dominating performance by a team that didn't get its first win of the season until the first week of August. It's like a Hollywood script waiting for the final scene to be written.

"I can't even put into words how great this feels after the start we had," said veteran slotback Geroy Simon, who scored on a 53-yard pass-and-run play. "Just fighting our way out of the hole, digging with everything we had.

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"It's an amazing feeling but the job isn't finished yet."

Quarterback Travis Lulay shredded the Eskimo defence, throwing two touchdown passes and scoring on a 61-yard run in the fourth quarter. There were chants of "MVP, MVP" from the loud, horn-blowing crowd of 41,313 at BC Place Stadium.

"This is huge," said Lulay, the West's nominee as the CFL's outstanding player. "This is the pinnacle of what we do — having an opportunity to play in the Grey Cup game.

"We kept knocking on the door offensively. The defence played lights out and kept giving us opportunities."

The Lions will face the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in next weekend's Grey Cup game at BC Place. The Bombers defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 19-3 in the East Final.

"It's a great challenge," Simon, who had six catches for 106 yards, said about playing Winnipeg. "This is a team that beat us twice but beat us when we were down."

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Canucks sneak past Sens in OT

Chris Higgins scored 2:18 into overtime as the Vancouver Canucks held off the Ottawa Senators for a 2-1 victory last night.

Henrik Sedin also scored and Cory Schneider, replacing an injured Roberto Luongo for a second straight game, made 28 saves as the Canucks improved to 10-9-1.

CANUCKS	SENATORS
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Colin Greening scored and surprise starter Alex Auld, who got the nod in favour of injured Craig Anderson, made 25 saves as Ottawa (10-9-2) fell to 3-2-0 on its season-high six-game road trip.

Higgins, who has been one of Vancouver's better forwards this season, went hard to the net and deflected a Dan Hamhuis shot behind a startled Auld for his seventh goal of the campaign.

If not for Schneider, the game would have been over much earlier.

Less than a minute prior to Higgins' winner, Erik Condra snuck behind the Vancouver defence and tipped a pass on goal, but Schneider was in position for the save.

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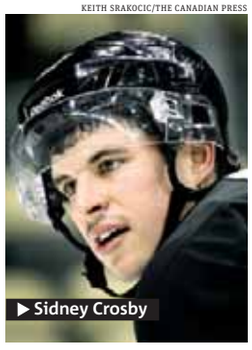

▶ Sidney Crosby

Crosby to return vs. Isles tonight

Sid the Kid is back.

Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby will make his season debut tonight against the New York Islanders in Pittsburgh, his first game in nearly a year since being sidelined with concussion symptoms.

Crosby hasn't played since taking head shots in consecutive games in January against Washington and Tampa Bay.

The 2007 NHL MVP spent the last 10 months undergoing a painstakingly thorough rehabilitation that left him wondering when — or even if — he'd play again.

His return ends weeks of speculation that appeared to put the ever-polite Crosby on edge. The 24-year-old Cole Harbour, N.S., native declined repeated interview requests in recent weeks as the speculation about a possible return date reached a fever pitch.

His teammates stressed there was no need for Crosby to rush, and the Penguins have been one of the league's top teams through the season's first six weeks.

Yet they understand they're not the same without Crosby.

"We know what he means to this team, this city," defenceman Kris Letang said. "He's a special player." THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We know how badly he wants to play. We want it too, because it means that he's healthy, and that's all you ever really want for him."

PENGUINS FORWARD MATT COOKE ON SIDNEY CROSBY

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"I just got an opportunity and I'm just playing the way I know how to play."

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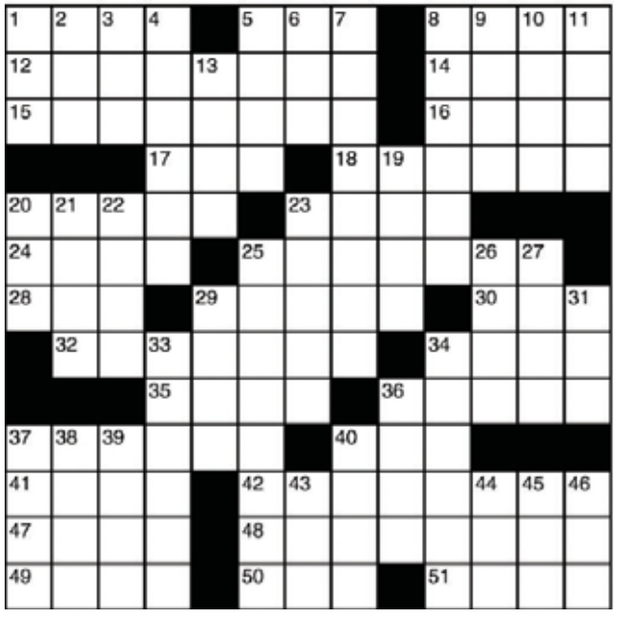

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37 Health resorts
38 Lotion additive
39 Moon goddess
40 Valhalla bigwig
43 "— Got a Secret"
44 — moment
45 M divided by IV
46 Indispensable

▶ Thursday's answer

S	E	C		U	S	E	D		M	U	S	S
I	R	A		R	E	N	O		O	R	A	L
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It's time for a change. Make it a big one.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You can make yourself happy or you can make yourself sad – it takes the same effort.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard. Ease up.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Set your own targets and make your own rules. All things are possible now.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Sit down with loved ones and discuss what has gone wrong – and what needs to be done to bring back the good times.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 No matter how many misunderstandings there may have been in recent weeks the approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Less is more, for now.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A little bit of optimism will go a long way over the coming week

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Beneath the surface people everywhere are pretty much the same, so reach out and make contact

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic

SALLY BROMPTON

Sudoku

	5	6					3	
1					7		4	
3			2		6	5		
	1			7		8		9
8		7		4			6	
		2	1		9			8
	3		8					6
	4					2	1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Thursday's answer ▶

5	2	1	7	8	4	6	3	9
4	9	8	3	5	6	7	2	1
7	6	3	2	1	9	4	5	8
6	3	2	5	4	8	9	1	7
9	7	5	6	3	1	2	8	4
1	8	4	9	7	2	3	6	5
2	4	7	1	6	5	8	9	3
8	5	6	4	9	3	1	7	2
3	1	9	8	2	7	5	4	6

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FROM TCHOW

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FROM THE OBVIOUS

To 1 Guy
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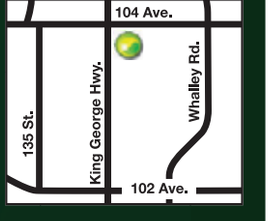

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